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## ANAN ELDREDGE

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2849]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2849) for the relief of Anan Eldredge, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant first preference status to the adopted son of citizens of the United States, which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien sons and daughters of U.S. citizens.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 25-year-old native and citizen of Thailand, who was adopted in that country on June 26, 1967, by citizens of the United States, who have five natural children. The adoptive father is an employee of the Agency for International Development. The beneficiary is presently on a mission assignment in Bangkok for the Mormon Church and received instruction for this assignment in the United States as a visitor.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated July 1, 1969, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the case, reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
Washington, D.C., July 1, 1969.

A-19048681.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,  
*Chairman, Committee, on the Judiciary,*  
*House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 2849) for the relief of Anan Eldredge, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would provide that the 24-year-old beneficiary, who was adopted by U.S. citizens, may be considered as the natural-born alien son of Louis and June Eldredge and be granted preference status in the issuance of an immigrant visa.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Thailand, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants for countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL, *Commissioner.*

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 2849

Information concerning this case was received from Louis M. Eldredge, who is the interested party and also the beneficiary's adoptive father. Both the beneficiary and the interested party reside abroad. The interested party's brother-in-law, Rulon K. Cottrell, of Norwalk, Calif., also furnished information regarding this case.

The beneficiary, Anan Eldredge, whose name before adoption was Anan Tubtimta, is a native and citizen of Thailand and was born March 9, 1945. He is single, and completed 10 grades of schooling in his native country. He was adopted June 26, 1967, at Korat, Thailand, by Louis and Jane Eldredge, and his natural parents are natives and citizens of Thailand and reside there. They have five other children besides the beneficiary, ranging in age from 9 years to 25 years. The beneficiary is not employed and has no mentionable assets. He is currently on a mission assignment by the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Church) at Bangkok, Thailand. The beneficiary entered the United States in October 1968, as a visitor, primarily for the purpose of receiving indoctrination and instruction at Salt Lake City, Utah, in preparation for a church mission assignment. He returned to Thailand in January 1969.

The interested party, Louis M. Eldredge, a native and citizen of the United States, was born December 19, 1923. He is married, and his wife is a native and citizen of the United States. They have five other children besides the beneficiary, ranging in age from 15 years to 21 years. Mr. Eldredge com-

pleted his education in this country, receiving a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering at Utah State University. He is employed by the U.S. Government in the Agency of International Development as a civil engineer, where he receives an annual salary in excess of \$16,000. His assets consist of a \$3,000 equity in a house in Long Beach, which he values at \$21,000; and personal property which he values at \$12,000. His parents reside in this country and are citizens of the United States.

Private bill H.R. 19958, 90th Congress, introduced in the beneficiary's behalf, was not enacted.

The Department of State submitted the following report on the case dated October 25, 1969, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, D.C., October 25, 1969.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Anan Eldredge, beneficiary of H.R. 2849, 91st Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been submitted by the American Embassy at Bangkok, Thailand, in whose consular jurisdiction the beneficiary resides. H.R. 19958, 90th Congress, on the beneficiary's behalf, was not enacted.

The bill would grant the beneficiary first preference status as the alien son of Louis and June Eldredge, American citizens, upon approval of a petition filed by them. It also provides that the beneficiary's natural parents, brothers or sisters shall not by virtue of such relationship be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. TORBERT, Jr.,  
*Acting Assistant Secretary*  
*for Congressional Relations.*

Enclosure:

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION CONCERNING H.R. 2849, 91ST CONGRESS, FOR THE RELIEF OF ANAN ELDRIDGE

The beneficiary was born Anan Tubtimta on March 9, 1945, in Pichai District, Uttaradit Province, Thailand. He is single and presently residing at Bangkok, Thailand. The beneficiary received all of his formal education in the Pichai school system (until April of 1962), except for 1 year of home study which he pursued at the University of Nebraska from 1967 to 1968. He has not had any military service.

On June 26, 1967, Mr. Louis M. Eldredge and his wife, June Eldredge (nee Cottrell) adopted the beneficiary under Thai law. Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge's other children are Mrs. Susan Endter (age 21) of Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. Louis Dan Eldredge (20) in Zurich, Switzerland; Miss Martha Diane Eldredge (18) of Long Beach,

Calif.; Tadd Worth Eldredge (16) and Timothy Earl Eldredge (14) in Bangkok, Thailand.

There has been no formal application for an immigrant visa made on behalf of the beneficiary. However, in September 1968, a visitor visa was issued to him for a single entry into the United States, for a 3-month visit to California.

The beneficiary has been found medically qualified to receive a visa. Security checks reveal no derogatory information on the beneficiary.

Congressman Del Clawson, the author of the bill, submitted the following statement and letter in support of the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives:

In support of my private bill for the relief of Anan Eldredge, I would like to submit a letter from Mr. Louis Eldredge, the young man's adoptive father. The letter speaks for itself in more ways than one, particularly illustrating the human warmth which led this fine American family to take to their hearts and share life's blessings with a lonely Thai boy. The personal recommendation of Francis M. Zimmerman, state president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Long Beach, Calif., is supported by my personal knowledge of the Eldredge family.

USOM Box 53,  
APO SAN FRANCISCO,  
August 24, 1968.

Congressman DEL CLAWSON,  
*Representative, State of California,*  
*Washington, D-C.*

DEAR BROTHER CLAWSON: We were sent to Thailand 2 years ago as part of the Aid Mission here. I am an engineer adviser in the accelerated rural development program. A week or so after we arrived we met a young Thai boy who became friends with our two teenage sons. He was employed at the hotel we stayed at and soon became a constant companion of the entire family. When we left the hotel and moved into an apartment in Bangkok, both the boys and Anan were dismayed at the prospects that they might be separated. We invited Anan to come and see us often—and he did—every day. We finally arranged for him to come and live with us. He was alone in Bangkok—his family lived in northern Thailand—and so he agreed. That was in December 1966.

Our family was posted in Bangkok until June of 1967. We were then moved upcountry to Korat and we too, Anan with us. By this time he had become as one of the family. When our son came from the States, where he had been attending college, it was only his approval that we lacked in the decision whether or not to make Anan one of the family in every way—legally and permanently. Dan, our son, agreed wholeheartedly, and so we went as a family to the Nai Amphur and legally adopted Anan.

Since that time Anan has been studying by correspondence with our other sons, trying to complete his high school so that he could attend college in the United States. When we applied for a visa for him to accompany us on our home leave, and begin his education in the States, we were informed that because we had adopted him, and he had an American surname, he could not enter the States on a student visa, nor on a tourist visa because we had adopted him and that excluded



him from entrance under either one of these categories. He was of age, so that exempted him from being admitted as a dependent child. That left only an immigrant visa—which he could not get either as he was neither skilled nor had a college education. In other words, the one thing that was preventing his admittance to the United States was the fact that he had been adopted by an American family.

We have been advised by Embassy personnel that our only recourse is to get a special bill presented before Congress to have him admitted as an immigrant. We are desperately in need of your assistance. Our other children, with the exception of Susan, who is married to Kenneth Endter and lives in Long Beach, and Dan, who is now in the mission field in Switzerland, leave here within the next 2 weeks to begin school in southern California. We leave for our home leave about October 12. Can you please tell us whether it is at all possible for you to help us? I have sent a letter to President Zimmerman and also to our children in Long Beach. They both know the details in this case and may have other information about it that you might need.

Here are the pertinent details about Anan:

Born March 9, 1945 in Pichai, Thailand;

Mother died when he was 6;

Completed the 10th grade in Pichai school, 2d in class;

Father a schoolteacher and government employee in Pichai;

Worked as a waiter and a bell boy in Bangkok;

Since December 1966 has lived with Louis M. Eldredge family in Bangkok and Korat, Thailand. Legally adopted by them on June 26, 1967 in Korat, Thailand; and

Has been studying from the University of Nebraska high school curricula since September 1967.

These are the things Anan has done since he came to live with us:

Baptized a member of the church on 24 December 1967;

Became the first member of his race to hold the priesthood;

When the missionaries came to Thailand in March 1968, Anan went to Bangkok to live with them and help teach them the language. He translated the ordinances of the church into Thai, also many of the missionary lessons, Joseph Smith Story, Articles of Faith, and many of our LDS hymns. He is a Priest. Has conducted a choir of Thi investigators and members for the past two conferences—using LDS hymns he had translated into Thai. Has been invaluable in the missionary effort in this country, as well as organizing all Thai member activities, both social and sacred. He teaches the MIA and Sunday School classes to our Thai members and investigators here in Korat. I might add that this little town has twice the number of Thais participating than has Bangkok. Our little Thai Sunday School, only 2 months in existence, has had 28 Thais in attendance the past two Sundays. The local Protestant Church—which has been here 20 years—had 30.

We will be grateful for any help you can give us. Please write and let us know what can be done.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS M. ELDRIDGE.

Copy to Pres. Francis Zimmerman.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 2849) should be enacted.





